

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
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Prediction of Heavy Rain
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a failure from the Meteorological Department to predict the heavy rain that occurred in Chennai, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) No Madam. Earth System Science Organisation-India Meteorological Department (ESSO-IMD) issued warnings (as detailed in Annexure – I) 3-days in advance for occurrence of heavy (7-12 cm per day) to very heavy (13-25 cm per day) rainfall that occurred in Chennai and other parts of Tamilnadu. Regional Meteorological Centre Chennai had further issued more area specific warnings, in which areas that were likely to receive extremely heavy rainfall (> 25cm per day) were also indicated to the state level disaster management authorities.

(b)-(c) Does not arise.